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1. In the past years many summer visitors have come to the town of Hel for a rest, but last summer there were very few visitors because visits to the town were controlled by the UB (Security Police). However, groups of school children, accompanied by teachers, have been permitted to make train excursions to the town. These school children were only permitted to visit the town and then only for two to three hours. [redacted] there will probably be no visits to the town in the summer of 1953.
2. Travel over the road between the towns of Hel and Jastarnia has been forbidden to everybody, including the local inhabitants of Hel; therefore, everyone must travel by train. The aforementioned road has been destroyed in several places and actually does not exist, since buildings, fortifications or other installations have been erected on it. Moreover, the entire area has been turned into a military area and entrance to it is denied to all people. Several warning signs have been put up in the area and sentries and patrols are posted around the area.
3. The "sport's field", which is located in front of the church in the town of Hel, is used, aside from its regular purpose, as a landing area for military planes which have occasionally come there, [redacted] the "sport's field" is about 500 meters long and runs in the direction of the Cape of Hel. (See attached sketch).
4. The beach along the Cape of Hel is a forbidden area to everyone, including the military. The soldiers and sailors are allowed to take baths in the sea, but only in groups and always guided by officers who take the group to and from the beach. The bathers are not allowed to rest on the beach. [redacted] there is a road, which was constructed by the Germans, which runs from the barracks to the beach. (See attached sketch for location of the road and barracks.) These barracks were also constructed by the Germans during the war. One coastal artillery gun is located on each side of the aforementioned road, as indicated on the sketch. The guns, the caliber of which is not known [redacted] are placed about 40 meters

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from the side of the road and are surrounded by brick walls about 2.2 meters high. The guns are manned by seven-man crews and are well shielded from air observation by nets and bushes.

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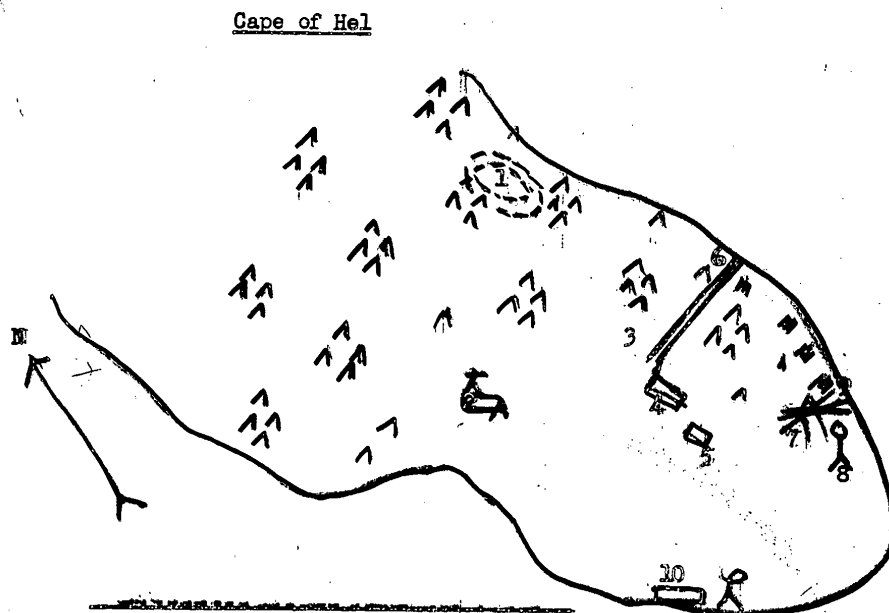
5. A radar station has been observed [] on the Cape of Hel. This station has a new building about 6 x 6 meters and 5 meters high, built of pressed straw. On the roof of the building there is a mast of iron about 16 to 18 meters high with a dark painted ball. This building, which is about 40 meters from the lighthouse, is operated by a crew of seamen from the Polish Navy.
6. A meteorological station, which belongs to the navy, is located on the Cape of Hel. The station has a new four-story house which is painted the color of the beach sand. On the roof of the building there are, according to informant, all the necessary instruments for meteorological observations. An iron mast above 20 meters high, which has an arrow, is located about 50 meters from the house.
7. The big underground bunker, which is indicated on the attached sketch, was built by the Germans during the war. The bunker is at least 20 by 20 meters, and a truck is able to go in and out of the bunker. A sentry is stationed at the bunker day and night.
8. The same coastal artillery as was mentioned in paragraph 4 above has three guns located near the coast. These guns are placed about 80 to 100 meters from each other. The guns have been fired out to sea several times at a distance of eight to ten miles.

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1. The so-called "Swedish" mountain (szwedzka gora).
2. The church at Hel with the sports field in front of it.
3. The road from the barracks to the beach.
4. The barracks.
5. Large underground bunker.
6. The two guns of the coast artillery, one on each side of the road.
7. The lighthouse.
8. Radar station.
9. Three guns of the coast artillery.
10. Meteorological station.

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